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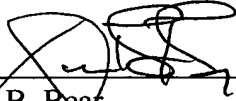
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials	Cite No.	Document Number Number - Kind Code (if known) Example: 1,234,567 B1	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant	Pages, Columns, Lines Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
	Exhibit. 1	5,818,630	10-06-98	Fermann et. al.	
	Exhibit. 2	2003/0202547	10-30-03	Fermann et al.	
	Exhibit. 3	2005/0008044	01-13-05	Fermann et al.	
	Exhibit. 4	6,275,512	08-14-01	Fermann	
	Exhibit. 5	6,954,575	10-11-05	Fermann et al.	
	Exhibit. 6	2001/0024458	09-27-01	Fermann	
	Exhibit. 8	5,422,897	06-06-95	Wyatt et. al.	
	Exhibit. 15	6,496,301	12-17-02	Koplow et. al.	
	Exhibit. 21	5,187,759	02-16-93	DiGiovanni et. al.	
	Exhibit. 22	5,880,877	03-09-99	Fermann et. al.	

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		<u>Opinion Rendered for SPI Lasers plc Regarding IMA's U.S. Patent Nos. 5,818,630, 6,275,512 and 6,954,575 and IMRA's Pending Published Patent Applications '547, '044 and '458, Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. March 2, 2006</u>	
	Exhibit. 7	Lih-Mei Yang, Generation and Amplification of Ultrashort Pulses in Erbium Neodymium, and Thulium Fibers, Dissertation Abstracts International, VI. 57, No. 6, Section B, Page 3823 (December 1996)(the Yang dissertation)	
	Exhibit. 9	B. Desthieux et al., 111 kW (0.5mJ) pulse amplification at 1.5 um using a Gated Cascade of Three Erbium-Doped Fiber Amplifiers, Appl. Phys. Lett., Vol. 63, No. 5, 586-88 (August 2, 1993) (The Desthieux publication)	
	Exhibit. 10	Notice of Allowability dated May 26, 1998 (the '630 patent)	
	Exhibit. 11	April 25, 2003 Declaration filed in the '547 published application	

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	Exhibit 12	February 16, 2001 Declaration filed in the '044 published application	
	Exhibit 13	May 27, 2003 Preliminary Amendment filed in the '547 published application.	
	Exhibit. 14	June 10, 2003 Preliminary Amendment filed in the '547 published application	
	Exhibit. 16	November 19, 2003 Office Action issued in the '547 published application	
	Exhibit. 17	January 26, 2004 Response filed in the '547 published application	
	Exhibit. 18	April 27, 2004 Notice of Allowability issued in the '547 published application	
	Exhibit. 19	May 20, 2004 Preliminary Amendment filed in the '547 published application	
	Exhibit. 20	November 3, 2004 Office Action issued in the '547 published application	
	Exhibit. 23	January 21, 2005 Response filed in the '547 published application	
	Exhibit. 24	Rule 132 Declaration, filed January 21, 2005, in the '547 published application	
	Exhibit. 25	May 17, 2005 Office Action issued in the '547 published application	
	Exhibit. 26	June 30, 2005 Interview Summary in the '547 published application	
	Exhibit. 27	August 22, 2005 Amendment filed in the '547 published application	
	Exhibit. 28	December 20, 2005 Office Action issued in the '547 published application	
	Exhibit. 29	M. Fermann, Single-mode excitation of multimode fibers with ultrashort pulses, Optics Lett., Volume 23, No. 1, 52-54 (January 1, 1998)	
	Exhibit. 30	January 12, 2006 Responses filed in the '547 published application	
	Exhibit. 31	Rule 132 Declaration, filed January 12, 2006, in the '547 published application	
	Exhibit. 32	January 30, 2006 Information Disclosure Statement filed in the '547 published application	
	Exhibit. 33	M. Fermann et al., Fiber-lasers for ultrafast op[tics, App. Phys. B, Volume 65, 259-275 (1997)	

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